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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated May 2, 2011, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expired on August 2, 2011. Accordingly, this response is timely filed along with a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Examination and the

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corresponding filing fees based on Small Entity status. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.